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Public hearing is 1 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, on new rule about effects of pain medications

DES MOINES, IA – The Iowa Board of Medicine will hold a public hearing at 1 p.m. Tuesday, November 18, 2014, to receive comments on a proposed amendment to 653 Iowa Administrative Code Chapter 13.10 to establish a rule to require physicians to discuss with their patients the effect of pain medications.

The Board approved a notice of intended action to amend Chapter 13.10 on October 3, 2014. The proposed amendment addresses a National Transportation Safety Board recommendation that states adopt guidance for physicians to discuss with patients the effects that patients' medical conditions and the medications they use may have on their ability to safely operate a vehicle in any mode of transportation.

The hearing will be held at the Board's office, 400 SW Eighth Street, Suite C, Des Moines. The public can also submit written comments on the proposed amendment not later than 4:30 p.m. November 18. Written comments should be sent to Mark Bowden, Executive Director, Iowa Board of Medicine, 400 SW Eighth Street, Suite C, Des Moines, Iowa 50309-4683 or sent by e-mail to ibm@iowa.gov

The proposed rule was published as **ARC 1708C** in the October 28, 2014, Iowa Administrative Bulletin. The proposed rule can be read [here](#).